



**Official Newsletter from Your
Diamante Property Owners Association**

February 2026

Dear Neighbors!

As the winter snow and ice has faded, and in the anticipation let's hope that spring is just around the corner. The DPOA is currently planning the Annual Picnic and Couples Golf Cocktail Party Fundraiser. We plan to have our annual meeting in late spring. We want you to be part of our meeting and to input your ideas on how to improve the Diamante community. Member feedback is incredibly valuable to help us better serve and celebrate our cooperative community.

I would like to thank Robin Persson for serving as Assistant Treasurer for the past six months. Despite her short time on the DPOA board she was a valuable contributor to the Annual DPOA Picnic and the Cookie Exchange. Board service is the toughest volunteer role, and she went above and beyond all her duties with dedication, grace, and seriousness.

One upcoming event is the Annual DPOA Picnic, which will be held on Tuesday, May 26. We will begin collecting reservations for the picnic in March. Needless to say, we are excited about the plans that we have put in place so far this year!

Finally, we want to thank all of the DPOA members for their continued support, both financially and for all the helpers who volunteered their time throughout all of last year! Member support makes the Diamante Members Club and the Diamante community places where dreams do, in fact, come true!!

—Heidi Hilbert, DPOA President



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February Fun Facts

February is one of the most frequently misspelled words in the English language (did you catch that extra “r”?). Even the White House press office famously slipped up on it several times in 2015! The name February comes from the Latin word “Februa,” an ancient Roman purification and cleansing ritual, making it a fitting month for fresh starts and new beginnings.

While it may be the shortest month of the year, there’s no shortage of interesting facts, quirky history, weird holidays, and astronomical oddities to this month. Think you know your February trivia? Let’s find out.

Why 28 days?

While February is the second month on today’s Gregorian calendar, it was actually the last month added to the Roman calendar around 713 BC.

Roman King Numa believed even numbers were unlucky, so he assigned most months 29 days. This resulted in an even total for the year. To balance it, February (already associated with honoring the dead) was designated the “unlucky” month and given 28 days.

Although the calendar has gone through many revisions since then, February’s 28-day length has stuck!

Leap Year

The first leap year was introduced in 46 BCE by Julius Caesar of Rome, when he added a day to the end of February every four years. Without leap day our calendar would be off by about 24 days every century!

People born on Leap Day are called leaplings. There are more than 4 million ‘leaplings’ around the world!

Valentine’s Day

Of course, when we think of February, Valentine’s Day immediately comes to mind, but it didn’t start as the romantic holiday we know today. Historians believe it started as an ancient Roman fertility ritual, later blending with the legend of St. Valentine, a 3rd-century priest executed for defying Emperor Claudius. Over time, the day was romanticized.

The first Valentine’s card appeared in the 15th century, and today approximately 145 million cards are exchanged each year in the U.S.

While red roses symbolize love, February’s official flowers are the violet and primrose. Violets mean “I’ll always be there,” and primroses say, “I can’t live without you.”

Notable Holidays

- **Black History Month** in the U.S.
- **Groundhog Day** (Feb 2 – based on a German superstition; though in Germany it was a badger not a groundhog)
- **Presidents Day** (Feb 17)
- **Fat Tuesday** (the day before Ash Wednesday), falls on a different date each year but typically Between February and March.

February also plays host to numerous observances as well, from National Carrot Cake Day, World Cancer Day, Read in the Bathtub Day, to National Pizza Day!

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General Fun Facts

1. February is the coldest month in the Northern Hemisphere.
2. It's the only month that occasionally passes without a full moon.
3. February's Birthstone is the amethyst. Like the violet (purple in color), it represents peace, courage, and stability.
4. The Zodiac signs for February are Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18) and Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20).
5. Super Bowl Sunday often falls in February.

Historic

February is a significant month for U.S. statehood, as several states were admitted to the Union during this month:

1. Massachusetts: Became the 6th state on February 6, 1788.
2. Maine: Became the 23rd state on February 15, 1820.
3. Oregon: Became the 33rd state on February 14, 1859.
4. Arizona: Became the 48th state on February 14, 1912.
5. Oklahoma: Became the 46th state on November 16, 1907
6. Mississippi was readmitted to the Union on February 23, 1870, after having seceded from the United States during the Civil War.

On February 2, 1848, U.S. and Mexico signed the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ended the war. The U.S. paid Mexico \$15 million in exchange for California, Texas, Colorado, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, and Wyoming. From its unusual spelling to its ancient Roman roots, February is full of surprising history. Though it may be the shortest month, it's rich in character, making it the perfect time to slow down, share stories, and enjoy meaningful moments together here at Diamante. Above all, February reminds us that love comes in many forms and that every stage of life is worth celebrating together.

THE 2ND ANNUAL
ST. PADDY'S DAY
Shortest Golf Tournament

A FUNDRAISER FOR CLUBHOUSE NEEDS

March 14 : 5:00pm Registration & Pre Party

Live Music by BAD HABIT

IRISH FOOD + DRINKS CONTESTS 50/50 DRAWINGS LIVE AUCTION
 PRIZE FOR BEST IRISH DIGS PARINGS ANNOUNCEMENTS

\$50
 PER PERSON

Make Checks out to the CCA (Couples Golf Association) and turn into the front desk at Diamante Country Club.

Call to RSVP - 501.922.1114

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February WINE DINNER

26
FEBRUARY

5:30 PM
COCKTAILS

6:00 PM
START

An evening exploring the wines of Argentina and Chile with Brice Saltzmann, paired with a four-course dinner.

See full menu & wine pairings:
www.diamantecc.com/calendar

Limited Seating Available

**DIAMANTE**
Live the Good Life

\$100 per person - RSVP 501.922.1114

Reservation Deadline is February 19 at 4:00 pm
48-hour cancellation policy applies.

The DPOA News & Events newsletter is published monthly, and will be sent to all property owners. On page 8, is the DPOA dues form which can be sent to:

Ford Williams

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February Birthdays

Michael Mathes	February 1	Deborah Davis	February 11
Kurt Alber	February 2	Mary Knight	February 13
Sandra Mathes	February 2	Linda Fulton	February 14
Ron Vineyard	February 2	Suzanne Stofer	February 14
Greg Ladzinski	February 3	Bill Westcott	February 16
Michael Roberts	February 3	Faith Jenks	February 17
Mark Cheatham	February 5	Devie McMillin	February 18
Andrea Woodside	February 5	Sallie Baugh-Julian	February 20
Barry Jacobsen	February 6	Johnny Hibbs	February 21
Mike Battle	February 7	Ford Williams	February 21
Ray Lindsey	February 7	Patsi Veazey	February 24
Rusty Adams	February 8	Hope Fielder	February 25
Kathy Linehan	February 8	Bruce Gasaway	February 26
Darla Myler	February 9	Ed Simmons	February 26
Tracy Vickery	February 9	Vickie Maxwell	February 28
Bill Toney	February 10		
Frank Whitbeck	February 10		

Administrative Note

We have made an effort to insure all recorded DPOA members and their spouses are on the distribution list for our DPOA Newsletter. If your spouse did not receive a newsletter, please send an email to the TrustyScribe@att.net with the name and email address to be added.

If your neighbor says they didn't receive, the DPOA Newsletter, let them know they should inform us as above. If you wish to be removed from the distribution list, have an email address change, whatever, please let us know. Even a suggestion or two as a property owner is welcomed.





DPOA

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Melissa and Robert Walker

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James Williams

Ken Williams

Jane Wilson

Doug Zook and Jon Lilley

Trip to Arkansas' Hot Springs Village Enhanced by New Prime Lodging Option

By [Steve Habel](#)

For more than 55 years, folks have flocked to Arkansas' Hot Springs Village for its four-seasons attractions that includes gleaming lakes, wooded tranquility, the only five-star tennis association in the state, and — most notably for our purposes — nine splendid golf courses, a handful of which are ranked among the best in the Natural State.

While almost 17,000 people now live in Hot Springs Village, the community is also a keen vacation and getaway destination. Almost all of the lodging accommodations in this — the largest gated community in the nation — are in stay-and-play homes and cabins, many of which have been in place for decades and are located on the west side of the rambling village limits.



Reunion Resort Villas offer luxury and comfort

Since it's more than 19 miles from Hot Springs Village's west gate to its east entrance, the distance between where guests have been staying is quite a haul from five of the property's golf courses — including some of the community's top-ranked tracks.

All that changed in 2025 with the opening of the Reunion Resort Villas, a collection of eight one-bedroom studio suites and three four-bedroom deluxe villas on property close to Diamante Golf Course, the village's only private course, and near the community's east gate.

The Reunion Resort Villas are a lodging option that's been needed for decades, and it's being welcomed with open arms by both those that live in the village and the travelers who now have accommodations truly worthy of Hot Springs Village's reputation as a peerless, five-star destination.

During a recent trip to Hot Springs Village, we were lucky enough to stay at one of Reunion Resort Villas' sumptuous four-bedroom villas and were wowed by its stellar level of comfort and everything-has-been-thought-of attention to detail.

A stay at The Reunion Resort Villas provides guests access to all nine courses. Part of the package is the luxury golf cart that allowed a true ease of moving around this section of the village.

Reunion Resort Villas' location literally backs onto the end of the driving range of the Isabella Golf Course. The overall friendliness of the staff at the courses and the people who live in Hot Springs Village combine to produce all the makings of an unforgettable golf trip.

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Golf rules the roost here in Central Arkansas

While there is plenty to do outside the golf courses at Hot Springs Village, golf rules the roost. Hot Springs Village's nine unique golf courses are situated amid 26,000-plus acres of stunning scenery and natural beauty, thoughtfully designed to blend seamlessly with the surroundings. Each track creates a golfing adventure that stirs the senses and creates myriad challenges — all in a serene and isolated setting where golf is always front and center.

Each of the courses were designed by the Maryland/Virginia firm of Ault, Clark & Associates and opened over a 32-year stretch. The oldest course, DeSoto, debuted in 1972, and the newest, Granada, first accepted play in 2004.

The courses each have their own flair; some are more central to the community's lakes and ponds while others wind through remote forests and over hills, but all give a great sampling of the demanding terrain the designers had to work with. Five of the nine courses are set in East Village on the east side of Lake Balboa.

We played two of the courses on this trip — the aforementioned and sublime Diamante Golf Course; and Isabella Golf Course, which has 27 holes

named after the three ships captained by Christopher Columbus on the journey in which he landed, in 1492, in Hispaniola in what is now called the Dominican Republic.

Diamante GC is a big-shouldered rollicking course, with plenty of mounding and water amongst its serpentine routing. Many consider the highlight of the course to be the three-hole stretch called "Los Tres Diablos," which consists of consecutive par 4s that are carded as 465 yards or more.

The 314-yard par 4 seventeenth hole also gets plenty of attention here with water along the right side and then fronting the putting surface while the 491-yard second hole can be a back-breaking two-shotter that can set the stage (either good or bad) for the round as a whole.

Diamante opened in 1995 and was considered the top track in Arkansas by Golf Digest from 1997 to 2002. Its unique design plays like five Hot Springs Village courses in one.



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Isabella GC is every bit the challenge of its more exclusive and nearby sister, with an increased degree of difficulty through the three nine-hole courses.

Isabella Golf Course

Nina plays 3,486 yards and its three toughest holes are the par-4s at Nos. 7, 9 and 3. The 454-yard third moves hard right-to-left and downhill before ending at a shallow putting surface; the 431-yard seventh skirts a pond and winds leftward to a button-hook green; and the 452-yard ninth is narrowed at the landing area and in front of the green by huge bunkers.

Pinta, carded at 3,575 yards, turns the distance up a notch but also brings more water into play, especially on the 334-yard, risk-reward sixth, which can be reached if the player is precise and long. The side ends at a 461-yard par-4 bunkered left of the landing area and with an elevated green guarded along the right by a pond.

Just when you think things couldn't be tougher, Ault/Clark came up with Santa Maria, which plays at an even-longer than carded 3,630 yards from the tips — and that's including the 158-yard, par-3 fourth. Santa Maria also features the 580-yard par-5 fifth with its 43-yard deep green, and ends at the amazing 487-yard, par-4 ninth, which has a kidney-shaped green just 20 yards deep.

Reunion Resort Villas make a great destination even better

The Reunion Resort Villas were designed for couples, families, golf groups, and corporate retreats, and offer a perfect blend of comfort, elegance, and Southern hospitality. The villa in which we stayed was replete with four separate ensuite bedrooms with plush king-sized beds and walk-in showers big enough for two. The bedrooms each had their own climate control option, which is a splendid touch.



The open floorplan's common spaces in these villas are anything but common. We had a large, fully appointed kitchen that sat next to the dining room and featured an inside-out bar area that opened to the covered outdoor living area. The living room features a fireplace and a huge mounted flat screen television with plenty of chairs and a sectional couch.

Outside is the place to be at Reunion Resort Villas

The story of the Reunion Resort Villas started taking shape during the first few months of 2020, amid the global pandemic's social distancing restrictions. The Enderlin and Tedder families, owners of the new villas and neighbors and relatively new residents of Hot Springs Village, recognized the need in the community to have a lodging option east of Lake Balboa.

They envisioned a set of villas where guests could get around by golf carts between the East Village's courses, restaurants, and other amenities before returning to the Reunion.

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“As luck would have it, it was discovered that the perfect 10 acres right up the road were owned by Diamante Golf Course,” said Brandon Tedder, one of the Reunion Resort Villas’ owners and manager of the project. “We approached the HSV Property Owners Association, and they really welcomed the idea.”



The villas are located just down the road from Isabella Golf Course and less than a mile from Granada Golf Course site while centrally located to several courses. Design and construction moved quickly and the project broke ground in February 2025 and the management team quickly came together to get the Reunion open in mid-October.

Interior of one of the studio villas at Reunion Resort Villas

The villas’ grand opening weekend was nearly a sellout and the villas have been constantly busy ever since.

From their inviting living spaces to your private terrace overlooking pristine fairways, homes at The Reunion Resort Villas check off every box for the discerning golf traveler.

Town of Hot Springs as a huge part of the draw

Hot Springs Village’s east gate is about a 40-minute drive west of the Little Rock airport and about as far away from the historic city of Hot Springs, the famous Golden Age home of bathhouses, restaurants and shops, and Oaklawn Park, the self-titled home of winter horse racing in the South.

The turn of the 20th century bathhouses were once the primary attraction for this region, and — at the height of their popularity from just after World War I until the 1950s — welcomed hundreds of thousands of visitors every year. One of the structures on bathhouse row has been restored to its historical countenance while another is still offering the exact services that originally drew people here.



Oaklawn Park on race day

Oaklawn Park is a resort in itself, offering a 24/7 bright and beautiful casino, a hotel, an award-winning spa, multiple dining options, and an event center. If you are looking to get away without giving away luxury, this is the place to be.



Diamante Property Owners Association --2026 Dues Invoice

Property Owner Information:

First Name	
Last Name	
Preferred Email Address	
Mailing Address – Street	
Mailing Address – City, State, Zip	
Diamante Property Address if Different	

Dues Information:

Please complete this form and send it with your check payable to “DPOA” for \$80 to:

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DPOA Treasurer
8 Aventura Trace
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

January 31, 2026

Treasurer's Newsletter Report

	1/31/2026	1/31/2026	1/31/2025	1/31/2026		12/31/2026
	Actual Month to Date	Actual Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Estimated Remaining	Forecast	Budget Year to Date
Member dues	2,860	2,860	5,680	12,510	15,370	15,370
Additional dues	290	290	100	3,070	3,360	3,360
Total dues revenue	3,150	3,150	5,780	15,580	18,730	18,730
Landscape Maintenance	-	-	-	(16,148)	(16,148)	(16,148)
Sprinkler repair	-	-	-	(1,269)	(1,269)	(1,269)
Electrical repair	-	-	-	(128)	(128)	(128)
Flags	-	-	(152)	(362)	(362)	(362)
Holiday décor	-	-	-	(260)	(260)	(260)
Welcome baskets	-	-	(25)	(554)	(554)	(554)
Storage unit	-	-	-	(536)	(536)	(536)
Administrative costs	-	-	-	(274)	(274)	(274)
Total operational expenses	-	-	(177)	(19,530)	(19,530)	(19,530)
Net operating revenue (expense)	3,150	3,150	5,603	(3,950)	(800)	(800)
Net picnic	-	-	-	(669)	(669)	(669)
Net cocktail party	-	-	-	2,287	2,287	2,287
Other fundraiser	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net fundraising	-	-	-	1,618	1,618	1,618
Donations received	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net revenue (expense)	3,150	3,150	5,603	(2,332)	818	818

Beginning Cash	1/1/2026	18,709
Net revenue (expense) YTD		3,150
Ending Cash	1/31/2026	21,859
Emergency Reserve		(7,500)
Funds Available for Operations		14,359